

Remarks

Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's allowance of the application. However, in reviewing the claims, it became apparent that a conflict exists between dependent claim 23 and independent claim 19 from which claim 23 depends. That is, claim 19 describes the magnetic forces as "magnetically repulsive forces" in the next to the last line of the claim. However, claim 23 which depends therefrom indicates that the magnetic elements are attractive toward each other. Since this produces a conflict in the claims, Applicants are proposing that claim 19 be amended to instead refer merely to "magnetic forces" so that these forces can be either attractive or repulsive.

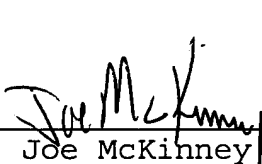
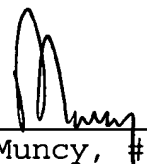
Applicants have contacted Examiner Pham to discuss the situation and have faxed a copy of the suggested claim for the Examiner's review. The Examiner has suggested this be presented formally so that the amendment to claim 19 can be entered. Applicants herewith request this amendment be entered. Applicants further submit that this amendment is to avoid conflict between the claims and thus avoid the possibility of an invalid claim. Applicants furthermore submit that the breadth of claim 19 is in keeping with the other claims that have already been allowed in the

application. In view of this, Applicants submit that the entry of this amendment is proper and request that the amendment be entered and the application returned to the issue process.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time use.

Respectfully submitted,

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